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## **Special Securities Litigation Counsel Requests for Clarification**

The following questions and clarifications are provided to the Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) dated February 2, 2016:

1. There is a page limit of 30 pages for the Response (excluding exhibits, attachments or resumes required to be submitted). Does the 30 page limit include the cover letter, Services Requirements - Affirmation Statement and Fee and Cost Proposal?

Answer: No. The Services Questionnaire provides the substance of the Response to the RFQQ. The cover letter, Services Requirements - Affirmation Statement and the Fee and Cost Proposals are not included within the 30 page limit.

2. The RFQQ request links to particular information. This information is not available on our public website. Can we attach the document as an exhibit or attach the document and provide link within the response to the attachment?

Answer: Yes, you may attach the document as an exhibit. A link to the document within the .pdf response would be greatly appreciated but is not required.

3. Does the RFQQ include claims filing in U.S., Canadian or Australian class action settlements?

Answer: The Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) files its own claims in class action settlements. One purpose of the RFQQ is to ensure notice of such settlements to the Office of the Attorney General and the WSIB so that a claim can be timely filed. The RFQQ requests notification of potential claims on a world-wide basis. The RFQQ does not request the filing of claims by a third-party.

4. The RFQQ requests that the Response include any charge for portfolio monitoring services. The Form Master Agreement for Legal Services, however, states that such services will be provided at no charge. Are portfolio monitoring services expected to be provided for free or at a fee?

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<u>Answer</u>: Cost will be a factor in selecting an appropriate service provider. Services have been previously provided at no cost.

5. Will global monitoring on a fee basis be considered without also providing class counsel services?

Answer: All proposals will be considered and scored appropriately.

6. Appendix A of the Services Questionnaire asks whether the firm is licensed to conduct business in Washington. If not, it asks whether the firm will commit to such licensing within thirty (30) days of execution of a Master Securities Agreement. Is licensing with the State of Washington absolutely necessary?

Answer: Any person or entity providing services to a Washington state agency must comply with all applicable Washington state laws. Licensing identifies a person or entity that is engaged in business activities in Washington for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Washington state laws. Information on registration is available through the Washington Business Hub: <a href="http://business.wa.gov/">http://business.wa.gov/</a>. Although registered, a business may or may not be subject to taxation. For further information on this topic, please see <a href="http://dor.wa.gov/content/doingbusiness/BusinessTypes/doingBus\_OutOfStBus.aspx">http://dor.wa.gov/content/doingbusiness/BusinessTypes/doingBus\_OutOfStBus.aspx</a> or contact the Washington State Department of Revenue at <a href="http://dor.wa.gov/content/ContactUs/Default.aspx">http://dor.wa.gov/content/ContactUs/Default.aspx</a>.